Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Referring to FIG. 1, the slide assembly ~~26~~ 24 comprises upper and lower draw bar plates 42, a draw bar rod 44, and a cam follower 43. The draw bar plates 42 are connected to each other in spaced parallel relation above and below the cam 36 by a pair of vertical trunions 46 (FIG. 3), the ends of which are located in corresponding bores in the draw bar plates 42. Each of the trunions 46 mounts rollers 50 (FIG. 1) between the draw bar plates 42. The rollers 50 are positioned diametrically opposite each other with reference to the axis of rotation of the spindle 20. The rollers 50 act as a cam followers which engage and track the peripheral surface of the cam 36 during rotation of the spindle 20 and cam 36. The draw bar plates 42 have opposed elongated guide slots 48 (FIG. 3) through which the spindle 20 extends. As will be described more fully below, the slide assembly 24 is reciprocal in the housing 12 in response to rotation of the spindle 20 and cam 36 and is guided for longitudinal movement by the spindle 20 moving in the slots 48 in the draw bar plates 42.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] The spring assembly 18 comprises a spring rod 80 and coil compression springs 88 supported between a spring bar 90 and a spring retainer plate 92. The spring bar 90 is secured to the damping end portion 16 of the housing 12 using threaded fasteners received in axial threaded openings in the dampening end portion 16 adjacent the check disc 82 (FIG. 3). The spring rod 80 passes through openings in the spring bar 90 and the spring retainer plate 92. The spring retainer plate 92 is held on the threaded end of the spring rod 80 with an adjusting nut 94. The spring rod 80 is slidingly received by the check disc 82 and extends into the cylinder 17 where the end of the spring rod 80 is connected to the end of the piston 60 by means of a pin 98. The spring assembly 18 ~~the~~ urges the piston 60 towards the right end portion of the cylinder 17, as seen in the FIGs. An o-ring 86 surrounds the spring rod 80 for sealing the cylinder 17 against leakage of fluid. A channel-shaped spring cover 93 secured to the dampening end portion 16 of the housing 12 surrounds the spring assembly 18. A spring block 95 is secured to the distal end of the spring cover. The adjusting nut 94 is accessible by tool from the bottom end of the housing 12 when a small cover 96 (FIG. 2) is removed. Rotating the adjusting nut 94 sets the initial compressed length of the springs 88.

Please replace the **Abstract** with the following amended paragraph:

A door closer comprises a housing ~~defines an interior cavity. A~~ and a spindle ~~is~~ journaled in the housing~~. At least a portion of the spindle extends from the housing~~ and ~~is~~ connected to turn with a door. A cam is carried by the spindle ~~for rotation with the spindle~~. A slide assembly includes a cam following roller for cooperating with the cam ~~for converting rotation of the cam into linear movement of the slide assembly relative to the housing~~. A ~~piston is disposed in a cylindrical recess and a~~ piston rod connects ~~the~~ a piston and the slide assembly. ~~Spring means~~ A spring assembly is disposed outside of the housing and connected to the piston ~~urge~~ for urging the piston and slide assembly in the door closing direction. ~~The spring means includes a spring rod connected to the piston. Passage means defined in the housing permit flow~~

~~of fluid between the cylindrical recess and the cavity in a closed end of the housing in response to movement of the piston.~~ Upon rotation of the spindle and cam in the door opening direction, the cam operates against the cam following roller for moving the slide assembly thereby compressing the spring ~~means~~ assembly for storing energy. The spring ~~means~~ assembly urges the piston and the slide assembly in the opposite direction~~, and the cam following roller against the cam~~ to rotate ~~the cam and the spindle in~~ the door in the closing direction.